

Ramaytush language

The **Ramaytush language** is one of the eight Ohlone languages, historically spoken by the Ramaytush people, indigenous people of California. Historically, the Ramaytush inhabited the San Francisco Peninsula between San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean in the area which is now San Francisco and San Mateo Counties. Ramaytush is a dialect or language within the Ohlone branch of the Utian family. The term Ramaytush was first applied to them during the 1970s.^[2]

The Ramaytush language territory was largely bordered by ocean, except in the south, which was bordered by the people of the Santa Clara Valley who spoke the Tamyen language and the people of the Santa Cruz Mountains and Pacific Coast at Point Año Nuevo who spoke dialects merging toward the Awawas language. To the east, across San Francisco Bay, were tribes that spoke the Chochenyo language. To the north, across the Golden Gate, was the Huimen local tribe of Coast Miwok language speakers. The northernmost Ramaytush local tribe, the Yelamu of San Francisco, were intermarried with the Huchiun Chochenyos of the Oakland area at the time of Spanish colonization.^[3]

European disease took a heavy toll of life on all tribal people who came to Mission Dolores after its creation in 1776. The Ohlone people were forced to use Spanish resulting in the loss of their language. Hundreds of Ohlone people at Mission Dolores were taken to the north bay to construct Mission San Rafael which was then used as a hospital for sick neophytes. Alfred L. Kroeber claimed that the west bay people were extinct by 1915.

Ramaytush	
San Francisco	
Native to	United States
Region	California
Ethnicity	Ramaytush people
Extinct	1915
Language family	<div>Yok-Utian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ohlone<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern<ul style="list-style-type: none">San Francisco Bay<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ramaytush</div>
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	(included in cst (https://www.ethnologue.com/language/cst))
Glottolog	sanf1261 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sanf1261) ^[1]

See also

- Sánchez Adobe Park
- San Pedro y San Pablo Asistencia
- Utian languages

Notes

1.

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